

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



Mel, Kate and all PHCC staff wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working with the community in 2017



Mel Durack, Out and About

Northam set the scene for a workshop and field day attended by PHCC's Mel Durack where Muresk Institute hosted a session on Biodiverse Native Plant Fodder Systems for Sustainable Agriculture.

Coordinated by Greening Australia, the event was supported by funding from the Australian Government.

On the day, Mel enjoyed presentations on:

- Nutritional value (protein and digestibility)
- Production benefits of providing shade and shelter for livestock
- Vitamin E and meat quality (Sheep)
- Establishing fodder shrubs and grazing management

The program culminated in a visit to local established fodder sites, where Curtin University has joined forces with Muresk Institute and Greening Australia.



TEC Grants Being Considered

An assessment panel is in the process of reviewing applications for the Hotham-Williams Threatened Ecological Communities Grant Round, to protect and maintain the Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt.

Successful landholders will be informed late November/early December.

Small Grants Now Available

Landcare groups, friends of groups, environmental groups and individual land managers working in the Landcare/NRM sector throughout the Peel-Harvey Catchment are invited to apply for small grants, to help fund their natural resource management related activities and projects.

PHCC has developed the Small Local Action Grants program to provide a simple support mechanism across the Peel-Harvey Catchment.

Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 are available through the PHCC Small Local Action Grants, please visit www.peel-harvey.org.au

Session Attracts Weed Watchers

During November, The Friends of the Reserves Boddington (inc.) in partnership with PHCC hosted a workshop all about weeds. This is thanks to State NRM funding for a Bridal Creeper Control project.

Guest speakers included those from the Department of Agriculture and Food, presenting on their MyWeedWatcher app and website. Enabling users to identify weeds, conduct surveys and report on their presence, MyWeedWatcher has been positively received by environmentalists and environmental volunteers.

The day also included a visit to Camballing Reserve to explore weed spraying activities to control Bridal Creeper. Participants also enjoyed the sights of Priority 1 Flora, Gastrolobium sp. Prostrate Boddington (aka Boddington Mat Plant) which has recently been recorded as growing in the Reserve.



Funding Opportunity

Funding opportunity available through Greening Australia for large plantings or direct seeding of local native species, including forage shrubs and perennial pastures. Contact Mel Durack for further information.

Coming Up...

2017 Black Cockatoo Workshop

Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel at hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780



We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present

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